(b) whether in the past decade, nearly 100 bomb explosions have rocked Delhi and accused in many cases.have walked free; and

(c) if so, in how many cases convictions took place, militants arrested, accused were either a'cquitted or yet to be traced and investigations still going on for the last three years; year-wise indicating identity of terrorists involved in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) It is a fact that Delhi is one of the prime targets of terrorist strikes.

(b) During the last ten years, 64 cases of bomb blasts were reported in Delhi of which 44 cases were worked out and 40 terrorists were arrested.

(c) The status of the bomb blast cases reported during the last three years is indicated in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of bomb blast cases reported during the last three years

Year	Cases of blasts reported	Terrorist Organisations involved	Militants Dis-arrested charged	Convicted	Acquitted		Pending Investi-gation	Pending Trial	Untraced
1999	2	Khalistan Liberation Front (Punjwar)	1 —	—	—		2	—	
2000	4	Khalistan Zindabad Force & PAK ISI	3		—	1	1	1	1
2001	5	Hizbul Mujahidin	2 —	—	—		2	3	—

Construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya

*691. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that VHP would begin its

*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

programme of construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhyaat any time after 12th of March; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to keep a check on such programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Dharma Sansad during a meeting in the last Maha Kumbh in January, 2001 decided to commence construction of Ram temple on any day after March 12,2002. Under Section 7(2) of the Acquisition of Certain area at Ayodhya Act, 1993 and in compliance with the Supreme Court Judgement dated 24.10.1994 in the case of Dr. Ismail Faruqui & ohters vs. Union of India and others, relating to Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Government as a statutory receiver is duty bound to maintain *status quo* as on 7.1.93 in the disputed area. The security arrangements at Ayodhya have been further strengthened and necessary steps taken to maintain law and order.

Illegal Madarsas along Indian borders with Nepal and Bangladesh

692. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of illegal Madarsas and mosques have come up along India's border with Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether they have been identified; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being taken to close down such illegal settlements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Reports are received from various security agencies from time to time on the functioning of places of worship and religious instruction including madarsas and mosques along India's borders with Nepal and Bangladesh. The State Governments have been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instruction are found to be indulging in illegal activities.